

IDEAL Technical Assistance

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE (ASL): BEST PRACTICES



Professional

- ✓ Qualified to provide ASL progress monitoring
- ✓ Deaf adult who is native user of ASL
- ✓ ASL linguistic background
- ✓ Teacher license/certification
- ✓ Direct communication with the student without use of an interpreter

Environment

- ❖ Not visually or auditorily distracting
- ❖ Good lighting; not in front of windows
- ❖ Present information at eye level of student

Collaboration is the Key

- ☺ ASL linguistic knowledge
- ☺ Notes handshape formation and visual skills
- ☺ Connection
- ☺ Cultural competency
- ☺ Role model



Visual Language Specialist

Speech Language Pathologist

- ↳ Experience with test administration
- ↳ Trained to recognize students who may have additional needs
- ↳ Language and brain development knowledge
- ↳ Can assist with identifying language delay vs. language disorder

Other Important Team Members

Parents

Occupational Therapist

Teachers

Physical Therapist

School Psychologist

Early Intervention Providers

Audiologist